



Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare update summary

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

Attention Providers

Providers are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site weekly at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/. Some late-breaking *Updates* may not have been included in this *Update Summary*.

BadgerCare Expansion for Certain Pregnant Women

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

As a result of 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, the 2005-07 biennial budget, BadgerCare will expand coverage to the following individuals:

- Pregnant non-U.S. citizens who are not qualified aliens but meet other eligibility criteria for BadgerCare.
- Pregnant individuals detained by legal process who meet other eligibility criteria for BadgerCare.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, these women will be eligible for all Medicaid-covered services from the first of the month in which the pregnancy is verified or the first of the month in which the application for BadgerCare is filed, whichever is later. These women will be eligible through the last day of the month in which they deliver or the pregnancy ends. Postpartum care is reimbursable *only* if provided as part of global obstetric care.

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Temporary Procedures for Submitting Claims for Dual Eligibles

To: Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Governor has adopted a policy that Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for the cost of prescriptions for dual eligibles who are not able to receive the drugs they need due to problems with Medicare Part D. Effective for dates of service on and after January 13, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid will accept a claim one time for each prescription of a dual eligible for which a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program does not reimburse. Providers will only be reimbursed for up to a 30-day supply. This policy is a temporary measure. Wisconsin Medicaid will announce the enddate of the temporary claims submission policy in a future *Update*.

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Bariatric Surgery Clarification and Reminders

To: Physician Clinics, Physicians, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid has revised the prior authorization criteria for bariatric surgery for those recipients with a body mass index of 40 or greater. The information in this *Update* replaces the bariatric surgery information in the Physician Services Handbook.

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Changes to Reimbursement and Program Requirements for Outpatient Hospital Therapy Services

To: Outpatient Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2006, reimbursement rates and program requirements will change for outpatient hospital physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech and language pathology (SLP) services. The following changes will occur:

- Providers will be reimbursed up to an established maximum allowable fee.
- Providers will be required to follow program requirements for PT, OT, and SLP services (instead of program requirements for outpatient hospital services). Therefore, providers will be required to:
 - ✓ Submit claims using the CMS 1500 claim form or the 837 Health Care Claim: Professional transaction. The UB-92 claim form and 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional transaction will not be accepted when submitting claims for these services.
 - ✓ Follow prior authorization requirements and procedures for PT, OT, and SLP services.
 - ✓ Use CPT and HCPCS procedure codes on claims submitted to Wisconsin Medicaid. Revenue codes will not be allowed when submitting claims for these services.

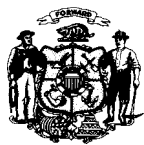
Beginning in December 2005, providers may access the new Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology Services Handbook on the Medicaid Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/. In addition, outpatient hospital PT, OT, and SLP providers will receive the handbook on CD. The CD will be mailed in December 2005.

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New Procedure Code for Ambulance Providers

To: Ambulance Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid will adopt 2006 CPT and HCPCS codes changes. This includes adopting HCPCS procedure code A0998 (Ambulance response and treatment, no transport) that replaces HCPCS procedure code T2006.

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What's New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Web sites include provider and recipient publications, contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information.

Providers may visit the Medicaid Web site at *dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/*. The BadgerCare Web site is located at *dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/*.

The following is a list of recently added information:

- Monthly BadgerCare enrollment statistics.
- Monthly caseload statistics.
- January 2006 *Update* articles.
- Respiratory Care Services Training Class Schedule.
- Hospice Services Handbook.
- Nurses in Independent Practice Handbook.
- Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology Services Handbook.
- Medicaid Pharmacy home page:
 - ✓ Brand Medically Necessary Drugs That Require Prior Authorization.
 - ✓ Legend Drug Maximum Allowed Cost List.

- ✓ Less-than-Effective/Identical, Related, or Similar Drugs.
- ✓ Numeric Listing of Manufacturers That Have Signed the Rebate Agreements.
- ✓ Preferred Drug List.

Pharmacy providers are reminded that Wisconsin Medicaid no longer routinely mails revisions to the data tables on CD or paper. Changes and additions to the data tables will be available on the Medicaid Web site or by calling Provider Services.

For those providers without Internet access, many libraries have access available.

Obtaining Articles in Full-Text Format

Providers may electronically access full-text versions of the articles summarized in this publication via the Internet. To access the information from the Internet, go to the Web address listed at the end of the article. From this Web page, providers may print the specific article as well as navigate to other Wisconsin Medicaid publications available on the Medicaid Web site.

Providers without Internet access may call Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 to request copies of *Updates* in full-text. Allow seven to 10 days for delivery.